

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
February 16, 2005
6:00pm

Present: Kay Dyson, Mary Nedrow, Mark Baca, Pete Hunt and Scott Cray

Staff: Scott Garms Town Manager, Sterling Solomon Town Attorney, Police Chief Steve West, Tom Malone Public Works Dir., and Larisa Bogardus Community Development Dir.

Public: Bill Greenwood and Milton Nelson with the Town of Eagar, Marnie Uhl, Evelyn and Pat Arabie, Judy Hayes, Thomas Bigham and Boy Scouts representing Troop 85

1. Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Hunt, Invocation by Councilman Cray

3. Public Participation:

Pat Arabie complimented Springerville and Eagar on the proposed sewer IGA, but questioned why such an arrangement was not possible when he asked to tap into the Eagar system last year. He also complained that the deal would improve Eagar land values while depriving Springerville landowners of the same benefit.

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Mark Baca said he attended a Springerville Municipal Airport Advisory Committee meeting and that a new hangar was possible.

Scott Cray shared a citizen concern regarding the cameras installed on the traffic lights at Main and Mountain Avenue. Chief West explained that the cameras are actually sensors to regulate the traffic signals; they do not record traffic activity.

Marnie Uhl reported the chamber will celebrate its 50th anniversary May 21; the chamber is conducting a satisfaction survey with positive results; the visitor center recorded more visits than any other center in the region in 2004; and she will be attending a travel show in March to promote the community.

Scott Garms reported that he and the mayor will be attending Apache and Navaho Counties Mayor's, Manager's Day at the Legislature next week; Phase 1 of the Tori Circle/Chiricahua road project is complete and the paving will be done later this year; and traffic surveys are continuing throughout town.

5. Minutes: Consider approval of the minutes from the town council meeting held on February 2, 2005 at 6:00pm.

Pete Hunt/Mark Baca motion to approve the minutes from the town council meeting held on February 2, 2005.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

6. Sewer IGA: Discussion and action regarding an intergovernmental agreement on the cooperative use of the Springerville and Eagar sewer systems.

Each town would be responsible for its own aquifer protection permit and infrastructure. Attorney Solomon recommended attaching a dollar figure to the indemnification clause.

Vice Mayor Nedrow asked if someone could answer Mr. Arabie's questions.

Bill Greenwood explained that Eagar has an ordinance in place prohibiting the provision of services outside the town limits to private customers. The IGA circumvents that. Each town would be responsible for its connection into the other town's system.

Councilman Cray asked if there was adequate slope to hook into the Eagar system on the west side of town. Tom Malone said it would cost too much to cross the river and would be much more cost-effective to pump up to the Becker Lake Road line.

Mayor Dyson said the existing river crossing cost the town \$500,000. She added that allowing Eagar to tap into Springerville's system would add another customer to the town system, which would be metered and billed like any other customer, and the volume would increase the wetlands required as part of Springerville's lease with Arizona Game and Fish for the sewer treatment plant.

Councilman Hunt clarified that the agreement would create the potential for sewer service to the west end of town.

Tom Malone said agreed, adding that agreement creates the potential for eliminating the west end lift station which is costly to operate and maintain.

Mr. Arabie complained that the town was still talking about service to the west side of town "in the future" and "possible." He said he was willing to install the extension at his own expense if the town would provide him with cost estimates.

Mayor Dyson asked the manager and public works director to obtain that information for Mr. Arabie.

Councilman Hunt said a west side extension was a budget consideration and not relative to the matter at hand. He added that Mr. Arabie was defeating himself by opposing an agreement that allowed the possibility of sewer service on the west side of town.

Mr. Garms said he had given Mr. Arabie estimates of \$150,000 to \$200,000 to connect to the Becker Lake Road line. Crossing the river would cost about \$750,000.

Pete Hunt/Scott Cray motion to approve the IGA with the indemnification clause recommended by legal counsel.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

7. Planning and Zoning rules of procedure: Discussion and action regarding the rules of procedure for the Springerville Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ms. Bogardus explained that the document was drafted and recommended by the commission and has been reviewed by the attorney.

Scott Cray/Mark Baca motion to approve the rules of procedure for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
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Mary Nedrow
Mark Baca
Scott Cray
Pete Hunt

8. Tourism Tax Committee appointments: Discussion and action regarding the appointments and terms of three Springerville business people to the Tourism Tax Committee.

Mayor Dyson explained that this committee was being created to advise the council regarding the use of the new, 1 percent transient tax adopted in January. In addition to the finance director and chamber director, the committee is to include three business people. Four applications were received.

To create a rotation, Mr. Garms explained that each appointment would be randomly assigned a one, two or three year term by drawing.

Mark Baca/Pete Hunt motion to appoint Roxanne Knight to the committee.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mark Baca Pete Hunt
	Nays:	Mary Nedrow Scott Cray

Pete Hunt/Mark Baca motion to approve the drawn term expiration date of Dec. 31, 2005, for Ms. Knight.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mark Baca Scott Cray Pete Hunt
	Nays:	Mary Nedrow

Pete Hunt/Scott Cray motion to appoint Gary Kiehne to the committee.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Scott Cray Pete Hunt
	Nays:	Mary Nedrow Mark Baca

Pete Hunt/Mayor Dyson motion to approve the drawn term expiration date of Dec. 31, 2006, for Mr. Kiehne.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Scott Cray Pete Hunt Mark Baca
	Nays:	Mary Nedrow

Scott Cray/Mark Baca motion to appoint Evelyn Arabie to the committee.

Vote:	Ayes:	Scott Cray Mark Baca
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Nays: Kay Dyson
Mary Nedrow
Pete Hunt

Mayor Dyson/Scott Cray motion to appoint Buster Madariaga (Jr.) to the committee.

Vote: Ayes: Kay Dyson
Scott Cray
Pete Hunt
Mark Baca

Nays: Mary Nedrow

Pete Hunt/Mark Baca motion to accept the drawn term expiration date of Dec. 31, 2007, for Mr. Madariaga.

Vote: Ayes: Kay Dyson
Scott Cray
Pete Hunt
Mark Baca

Nays: Mary Nedrow

Councilman Cray questioned Vice Mayor Nedrow's nay votes.

Vice Mayor Nedrow explained that she opposed the tax and would oppose everything associated with it.

9. Tourism Tax Committee Policies and Procedures: Discussion and action regarding the establishment of the policies and procedures for the Tourism Tax Committee.

Mayor Dyson questioned the 25 percent attendance requirement and the committee's right to review grants and contracts.

Mr. Garms said that is a standard for all committees to require 25 percent attendance, but he would get clarification regarding its application. He also explained that it is also standard for this committee to review grants and contracts but clarified that council has final approval on any action.

Mark Baca/Scott Cray motion to approve the Tourism Tax Committee policies and procedures.

Vote: Ayes: Kay Dyson
Mark Baca
Scott Cray
Pete Hunt

Nays: Mary Nedrow

10. Ordinance 2005-001: Discussion and first reading of Ordinance 2005-001 amending Town Code 17.80 "Amendments or Zone Changes" and Zoning Code Section 301 "Amendments or Zone Changes."

Ms. Bogardus explained that the ordinance brings the town code into compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes expanding the notification requirements for rezoning.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday February 16, 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of February 2005

Community Development Director